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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department received a call from a female victim who had been assaulted by her boyfriend. The victim and her boyfriend were on a ski vacation at Squaw Valley. After a verbal argument, the suspect began assaulting the victim inside their condo, and took her cell phone when she tried to call 911. The victim ran outside, but was caught and pinned down to the ground by the suspect. He then forcibly buried her face in the deep snow, twice causing the victim to nearly suffocate. The suspect took personal items from the victim before she was able to flee and call deputies for help. Due to the violent nature of the assault, the victim was placed in a protected temporary housing program for victims during the night.



Thomas Bailon

The suspect was identified as Thomas Ruben Bailon, a 49 year old firefighter for the San Francisco Fire Department and resident of San Anselmo, CA. Bailon was wanted on two outstanding warrants for domestic violence. His vehicle was found in Tahoe City, and after conducting surveillance throughout the night, Bailon was apprehended by PCSO Deputy John Riella. Bailon offered no resistance. He was charged with felony domestic violence, robbery, and other charges. His bail was enhanced to \$250,000 due to the severity of the assault and robbery.

This incident comes on the heels of a murder-suicide involving domestic violence at North Tahoe several days ago. Victims of domestic violence are urged to seek help before their situation ends in major injury or worse. PEACE for Families, a countywide program, has a 24-hour Crisis Line at 1-800-575-5352; in the North Tahoe area, contact the Tahoe Women's Center 24-hour Crisis Line at 1-530-546-3241 for emergency assistance and counseling.

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